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SUBJ: AMIN MESSAGE

FROM NEWSOM

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1. PRECEDING CABLE SENT ITEM BROADCAST BY RADIO SIERRA LEONE ON LATEST MESSAGE FROM AMIN. WHILE I HAVE NOT SEEN EXACT TEXT, REPORT WOULD SUGGEST THAT MESSAGE BY CONTENT AND TONE RAISES SERIOUS QUESTION WHETHER WE CAN USEFULLY CONTINUE RELATIONS WITH AMIN. SUGGEST FOR CONSIDERATION INSTRUCTING KEELEY INFORM ETIANG MESSAGE CONSIDERED ENTIRELY IMPROPER INTERFERENCE US INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND CONTAINS UNWARRANTED AND UNFOUNDED CHARGES AGAINST US. U. S. DOES NOT PROPOSE REPLY. SUGGEST KEELEY FURTHER STATE SUCH MESSAGES AND LACK WILLINGNESS GOU TO CEASE REPETITION UNWARRANTED CHARGES AGAINST US RAISES SERIOUS QUESTION WHETHER UGANDA DESIRES CONTINUED RELATIONS. WE DESIRE GOOD RELATIONS BUT IF UGANDA NOT PREPARED RECIPROCATE, WE WOULD FEEL COMPELLED ACT ACCORDINGLY.

2. WHILE I WOULD BE RELUCTANT SEE US BREAK RELATIONS WITH UGANDA, I BELIEVE CONTINUED ATTACKS BY AMIN AND
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THEIR DISSEMINATION IN AFRICA REQUIRE STRONG RESPONSE,
EVEN IF SUSPENSION RELATIONS IS ULTIMATE RESULT. WHILE
APPROACH SUGGESTED WOULD RISK BREAK, IT WOULD GIVE
UGANDA CHANCE CHANGE APPROACH, HOWEVER SLIGHT THAT
CHANCE MIGHT BE.
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